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Report on the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool

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1. The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) has been constantly upgraded as a technical assistance tool and applied in developing countries to gauge the ability of the National Plant Protection Organization to comply with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and to provide a basis for national strategic plans for phytosanitary development. During the reporting period, the IPPC Secretariat initiated several actions regarding the upgrading, maintenance and evaluation of the PCE:

I. Creation of a multilingual PCE

2. The latest multilingual version (Arabic, French, Spanish and English) was completed in November 2004 and made available on CD-ROM to FAO member countries.

II. Evaluation of the usefulness of the PCE

3. The wide and continuing application of the PCE in several countries may now provide adequate data on which to base a fairly comprehensive evaluation of the usefulness of the tool. In this regard, the IPPC Secretariat has signed a Letter of Agreement with CAB International (CABI) Africa, to develop an instrument which could be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the tool in the technical assistance programme. The product will be pilot tested in Eastern African countries, modified where necessary and applied in the various regions where the PCE has been used. It is anticipated that the results of this evaluation will be ready for submission to 8th Session of the ICPM.

III. PCE Facilitators' Meeting

4. The PCE Facilitators' workshop was held in March 2004. The participants:

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- shared experiences with, and outcomes of, the application of the PCE
 - reviewed the latest version of the tool
 - provided comments on the draft instrument prepared by CABI
 - made recommendations regarding its maintenance and upgrade.
5. The ICPM is invited to:
- Note and comment* on this report.